

and a method of controlling a reproduction apparatus in which image information and ID information are superimposed and the superimposing position is changed based on the number of items of ID data. In particular, the position is changed for data of an item common when the number of items is one and two. Claims 51 and 55 are also directed to a reproducing apparatus and a method of controlling a reproduction apparatus in which image information and character information converted from ID information are superimposed and the superimposed information displayed on a display device. In this case, the superimposing position of the character information is changed according to the display mode of the display device. Such constructions are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.


More particularly, neither claims 1 and 2 of the '984 patent nor the Shimada, et al. patent teach or suggest the controlling of the superimposing position of ID or character information with an image depending upon the number of items of ID information or the type of display mode. Applicants' independent claims 49, 51, 54 and 55, and their respective dependent claims, thus patentably distinguish over claims 1 and 2 of the '984 patent taken in view of the Shimada, et al. patent.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicants, claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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Cancel claims 32-37 and 45-48.

Please add claims 49-55 as follows:

-- 49. A reproducing apparatus for reading out image information and ID data of the image information from a recording medium recorded with the image information and the ID data of the image information to output the information and the ID data thereof to a display device, comprising:

 means for judging a number of items of the ID data corresponding to the image information to be reproduced from the recording medium,

 means for superimposing the image information read out from the recording medium with the ID information,

 control means for changing a superimposing position of the ID information according to the number of items judged by the judging means,

 output means for outputting the image information and the ID information superimposed by the superimposing means to the display device,

 wherein the control means changes the superimposed position for data of an item common when the number of item is one and two. --.

-- 50. An apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the common item is a date information. --.

-- 51. A reproducing apparatus for reading out information signal from a recording medium to output the signal to a display device, comprising:

 reading means for reading the information signal and ID information of the information signal from the recording medium,

conversion means for converting the ID information read out from the reading means into a character information,

setting means for setting a display mode of the character information converted by the conversion means on the display device,

superimposing means for superimposing the information signal with the character information converted by the conversion means to output the information signal superimposed with the character information to the display device, and

control means for changing a superimposing position of the character information superimposed by the superimposing means according to a display mode set by the setting means. --.

-- 52. An apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the setting means sets the display mode according to a number of items contained in the ID information. --.

-- 53. An apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the information signal recorded in the recording medium is an image taken by an electronic camera and the ID information includes a date of image-taking. --.

-- 54. A method for controlling a reproduction apparatus which an image information and ID data of the image information from a recording medium recorded with the image information and the ID data and output the image information and the ID data to a display device, the method comprising steps of:

judging a number of item of the ID data corresponding to the image information to be reproduced from the recording medium,

superimposing the image information and the ID data read from the recording medium by changing a superimposing position of the ID data according to the number

of item of the ID data judged in the judging step, and

outputting the image information superimposed with the ID data to the display device,

wherein the superimposing position of data of an item common when the number of item of the ID data is one and two is changed in the superimposing step. --.

-- 55. A method for controlling a reproduction apparatus for reading an information signal from a recording medium and outputs the information signal read from the recording medium to a display device, the method comprising steps of:

reading the information signal and an ID information of the information signal from the recording medium,

converting the ID information read in the reading step into a character information,

setting a display mode of the converted character information on the display device, and

superimposing the information signal with the converted character information to outputting the information signal superimposed with the converted character information to the display device,

wherein the superimposing position of the character information is controlled in the outputting step according to the display mode set in the setting step. --.